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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN PRE-LICENSE END USE CHECK ON
APPLICATION 050143946

REF: STATE 013873

¶1. (U) Per Reftel request, Econoff contacted the Rajasthan Police Department and the GOI's Special Protection Group to determine if the three companies noted on the Reftel were blacklisted. Results follow:

¶2. (U) The Director General of the Rajasthan State Police (RSP), Mr. Harirsh Meena, telephonically confirmed that the three companies listed (Security Defence Systems; S.D.S. Electronic Pvt. Ltd.; Applied Systems) were banned from supplying the RSP with equipment for three years (from 2005-2008) for not complying with previous contractual obligations. Under the ban, the companies were prohibited from bidding on any RSP contracts to provide material. While a ban was imposed on the three companies, they were never actually blacklisted by the RSP. Meena made this distinction, relaying that blacklisting would mean that the companies were considered fraudulent or involved in criminal activities, while banning the companies means only that they were prohibited from participating in any business transactions with the RSP, including those related to U.S. Munitions List commodities. As the ban was terminated at the end of 2008, RSP has begun doing business with the companies again. Director General Meena had never heard of Security Instruments and was unable to provide an assessment of the company or why they would comment on the other three companies. Meena speculated that it is likely that Security Instruments used the poison pen tactic to discredit companies to gain a competitive edge.

¶3. (U) According to Mr. Ajay Luthra, Assistant Inspector General (Tech) of the Special Protection Group, neither Security Defence Systems nor S.D.S. Electronic Pvt. Ltd. have been blacklisted. Luthra has never heard of the third company, Applied Systems, and did not have derogatory information.

¶4. (U) Econoff does not anticipate finding further information concerning pre-license check in the foreseeable future. Post will therefore consider the case closed absent further guidance.

¶5. (U) POC at post is Economic Officer Jesus Garcia, phone: 91 (11)2419-8666; email: garciajj@state.gov. Post Blue Lantern Coordinator Rebecca Gardner may be reached by phone: 91 (11) 2419-8233 or email: gardnerrv@state.gov.

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